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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants hereby bring the references listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449 to the attention of the examiner.

These documents were cited in the International Search Report in the underlying PCT application and copies of them were received by the USPTO as stated in the Notification of Acceptance dated November 28, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that these document be considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Also enclosed is an English language version of the International Search Report from the parent PCT/JP00/07900 application.

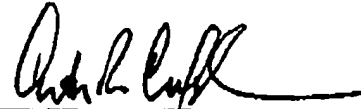
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Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP § 609] with the next communication.

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